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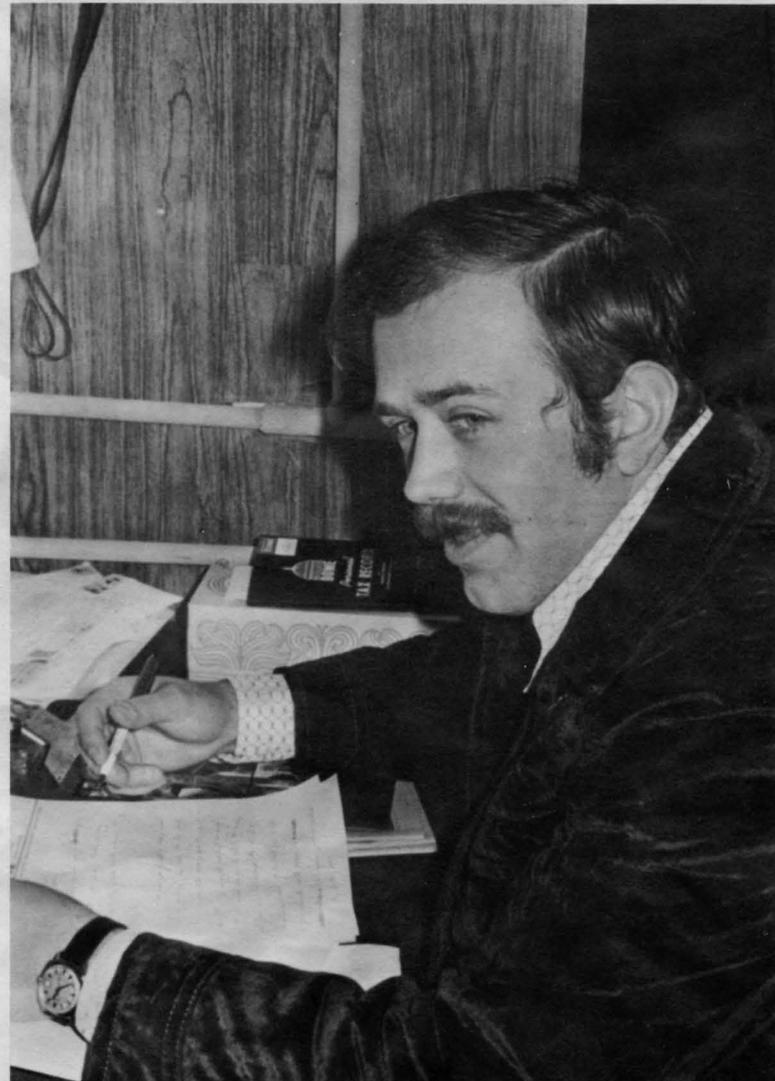
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**Captain John McChesney, housefather of Davis Hall, watches over his domain.**

**To raise funds, Lt. David Wrenn keeps in correspondence with patrons and alumni.**

**Housefather Arrives**

by Richard Olson

F Company has a new housefather. He is a captain, and his name is John M. McChesney. He began his duties on January 22.

He is married, and his wife joined him in late February. They have also brought their terrier, Mr. Beam.

The housefather lived in Roanoke, teaching and working for a trucking company. He attended East Tennessee State University and received a B.S. degree. His hobbies include basketball, biking, paddle ball, and reading.

Captain McChesney says that a housefather's job is a demanding one, and it keeps you on your toes at all times.

**Fund Raiser Hired**

by Richard Sandford

Lt David Gerald Wrenn has joined the staff of Augusta to serve the cadets as a fund raiser. Lt. Wrenn received his B. A. degree in History from the Virginia Military Institute.

His job at A.M.A. is Director of Development and duties include planning trips, activities, and fund raising for the Academy. Lt. Wrenn has been a truck driver, and since he has a new job, he enjoys playing the base and electric guitar, and the saxophone.

A couple of goals which Lt. Wrenn would like to make possible are to increase Alumni involvement. His comments about A.M.A. were that it is: "A good school with a good heritage. Since I graduated from a military school as a cadet, my job helps me view the situation from the other side."

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# Fencers Complete Season

from Staff Reports

An uncommon sport, coached by a determined individual, is attracting much attention. The sport of fencing, led by Col. Paul Hoover, has brought approximately thirty cadets out of barracks.

In 1978, Augusta placed second to Johns Hopkins in the Blue Ridge Conference. After nine weeks of preparations, the fencers opened the 1979 sea-

son with a close lost to Johns Hopkins.

Leading participants for the foil team are Ty Miller, John Jezard, and Frank Berg. Bruce Justice, Phongpinij Intharathut, and Charles Moore provide the backbone for the sabre team. Eddie Iskow with three years of experience leads the foil team. Others on the team include Jerry Brittain and Gary Laffin.

Laffin, a new cadet from Klein-Winterheim, West Germany, finds fencing challenging because it is relatively unknown, and although "I had never fenced, I went down, and I enjoyed it."

In spite of financial difficulties, and in spite of Col. Hoover's demanding leadership, Laffin and the other fencers state that they hope to continue participating in the sport for a long time.

The fencers ended their season with a second place finish in the Blue Ridge Conference behind Tri-Weapons of Baltimore. Frank Berg led all fencers with a first place finish in foil. Named All-conference were Frank Berg and Jerry Brittain, both foil fencers.

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## Latins see Snow

by Wasclaw Zubr

The snow, snow which falls down from cloudy skies of Virginia, covers everything and puts everything white. At AMA all is white too, but it is something sad because the trees don't have leaves and the plants don't have flowers. This is a mournful season.

The first big snowfall comes in the middle of February. Some people start playing with the snow. Others, who know the snow, remember old times when they saw the first snowfall.

All of the front field is covered with six inches of snow. This day twenty people have come to play football in the snow. Falling down and running, they enjoy playing football in the snow. Others throw snowballs from floor to floor, trying to see who can be the most accurate in hitting another student.

The snow comes with much cold, which chills our bones, and lasts from morning to night. The climate is typical of AMA. The winds disturb all. When there is no wind, the climate is cold but pleasantly so.

Now everyone is waiting for spring time. While all look forward to spring, the Latin-Americans have a special desire for the warmth of the sunshine.

**During February snow covered the ground. Lee Miller was just one of many who found it difficult to get to their destination safely. He recovered quickly from the fall and laughs about it.**



Risking demerits, Jerry Brittain takes aim on his next victim.

1 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME CARLOS LOPEZ HAS SEEN SNOW, SO QUICKLY HE GETS A BOY AND GATHERS SOME SNOW WITH IT.



# A Break for Cadets

by Richard Sandford

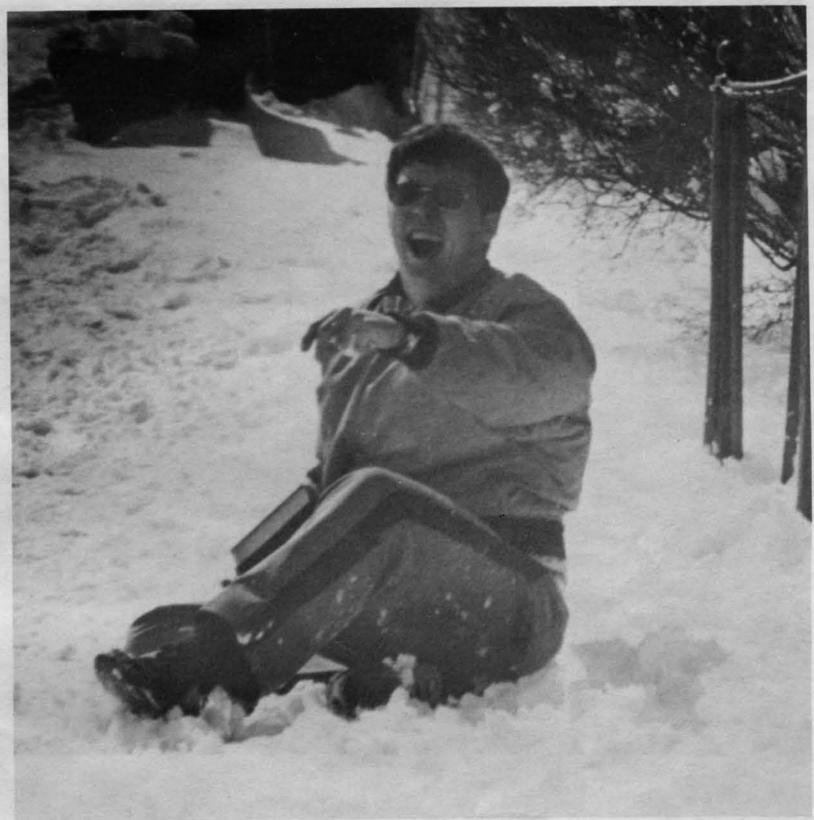
Cadets received their first break from school on February 2 when forty cadets went skiing on the slopes of Massanutten, east of Harrisonburg.

The trip was very inexpensive since the school provided box lunches for each cadet and obtained special rates which cost the cadets \$4.00 for the lift ticket, \$4.00 for the rental equipment, and \$4.00 for those who wanted to take lessons.

Reports on the conditions of the slopes varied from good, with ice in some spots, to poor. The experience of the skier seemed to be the determining factor regarding the conditions for skiing.

Several F Company cadets attended the ski trip, and all returned in good shape considering that there were many bumps and bruises among those who attended.

On February 23 the second ski trip took place with forty-six cadets returning to Massanutten to ski the slopes. The weather was rainy, and the snow had turned to both slush and ice. All-in-all the slopes were skiable and not too icy with no reported injuries inflicted to Augusta's cadets.



## Latinos Ven Nieve

by Wasclaw Zubr

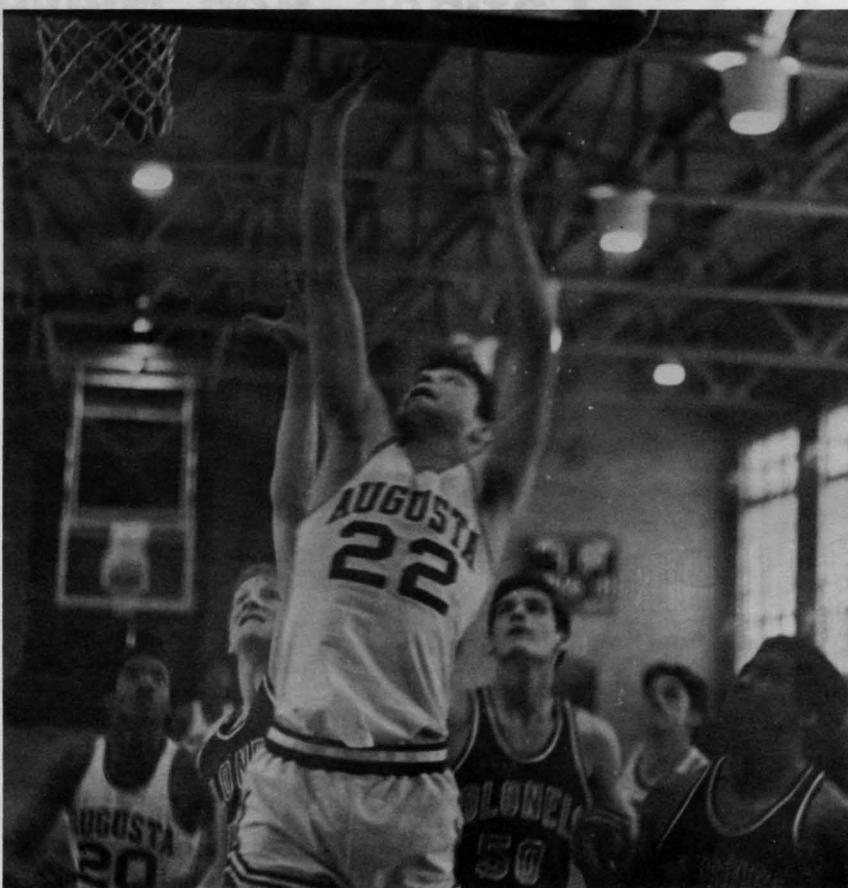
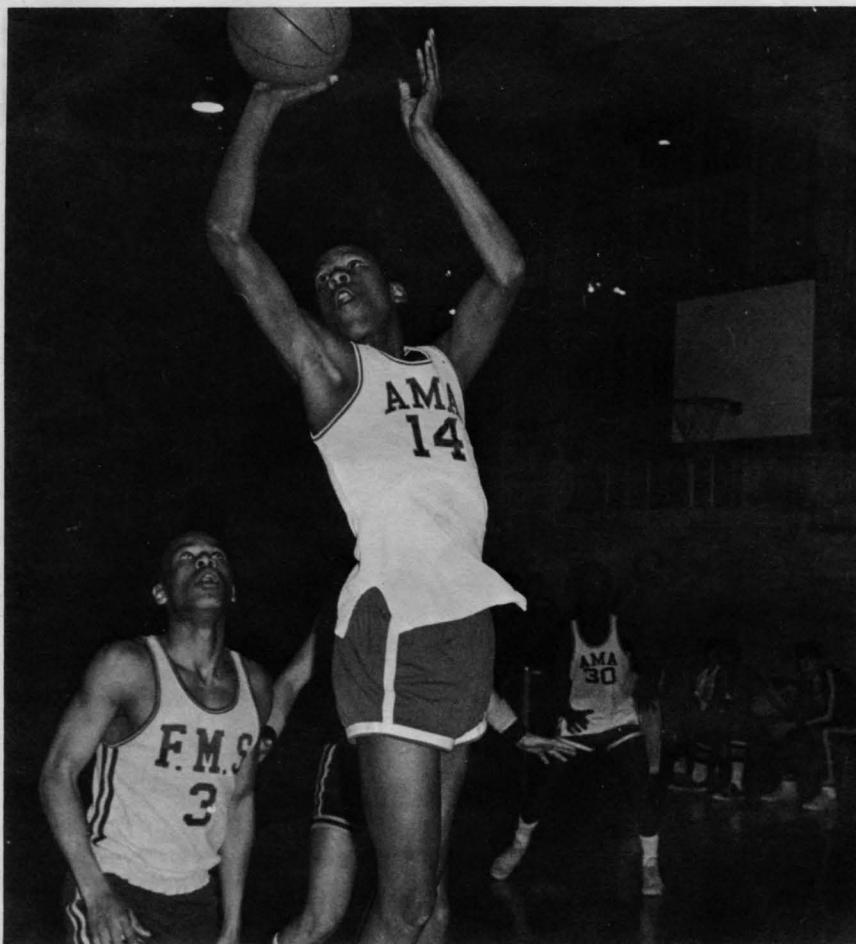
La nieve, nieve que cae del cielo nublado de Virginia que tapa todo y lo pone blanco. En AMA todo esta blanco tambien pero se ve algo triste ya que los arboles no tienen hojas y las matas flores. El invierno periodo de tristeza.

La primera nevada grande cayo a mediados de febrero. Unos salieron a jugar con la nieve y otros que ya conocian la nieve recordaban tiempos pasados cuando vieron caer nieve por primera vez.

Todo el front field esta tapado con seis pulgadas de nieve. Este dia se reunieron como veinte personas para jugar futbol en la nieve. Se caian, corrían, y gozaban jugando el futbol con la nieve. Otros tiraban bolas de nieve de piso a piso tratando de ver quien tenia mas punteria pegando al otro, del otro lado.

La nieve, signo de frio, frio condensado que penetra nuestros huesos, del amanecer hasta anochecer. El clima es tipico de AMA. Los vientos-esos vientos son los que nos molestan. Cuando no hay viento el clima es frio pero agradable. Ahora todo el mundo espera la primavera, esperan un poco mas de calor, un calor que sobre todo los latino-americanos de AMA esperan.





# Basketball

## BASKETBALL

AMA	46	North Cross	52
AMA	89	Rock Hill	19
AMA	57	North Cross	70
AMA	49	Fishburne	54
AMA	46	Boys' Home	60
AMA	44	VSD	46
AMA	64	Boys' Home	71
AMA	59	VSD	55
AMA	47	Fork Union	48
AMA	45	Hargrave	46
AMA	50	Eastern Mennonite	61
AMA	75	Rock Hill	17
AMA	57	Fishburne	64
AMA	37	Eastern Mennonite	82

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Norman Smith adds two points in a Junior Varsity game against Fishburne.

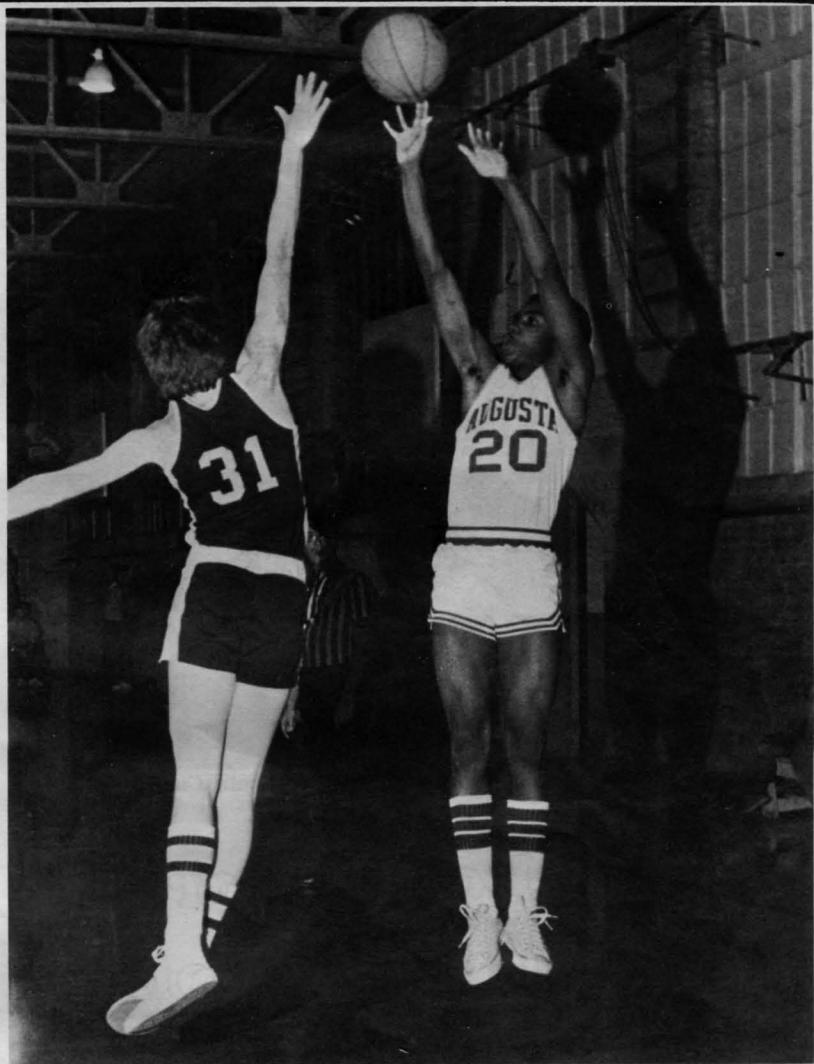
Rebounding off the boards, Tom Scott (22) puts the ball in for two points.

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AMA	78	Lynchburg Christian	46
AMA	72	Mannanutten	40

## JV BASKETBALL

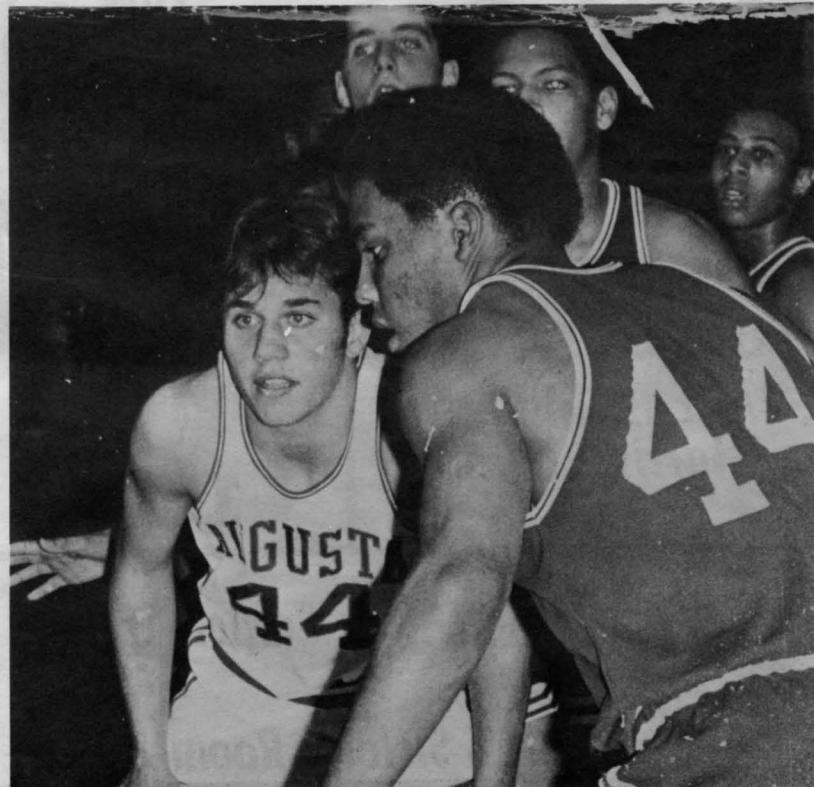
AMA	29	Fishburne	32
AMA	54	Boys' Home	22
AMA	36	Boys' Home	34
AMA	49	VSD	25
AMA	27	Fork Union	48
AMA	27	Eastern Mennonite	47
AMA	39	VSD	27
AMA	19	Fishburne	37
AMA	35	Eastern Mennonite	46
AMA	42	Lynchburg Christian	37



## Review

Tyrock Butler demonstrates the ability which led to his being named to the VIC All-Conference team. Here he goes for two against Lynchburg-Christian.

Anticipating the ball, John Guillott (44) concentrates on the throw-in.





Ho, ho, ho. Captain Santa Claus, alias Captain Harry Lang, shows his talents at the Christmas show.

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